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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in the past, I have accused the Appropriation Committee members of being perverted in the decisions that they made and the proposals they brought forth. In this particular incident...instance, they have done what I deem to be the only practical thing that could be done under the circumstances. Even the Governor has acknowledged that this move was one that the committee had to make. He is not resisting it. His only reservation, if you could say there was one, is that the reserve fund wouldn't be tapped too heavily. He probably wishes it wouldn't be tapped at all. This move that we're talking about now that the committee has made is one that has been recognized by everybody who is anybody as being necessary. I'm not saying that the nobodies should not be given consideration. Why, without the nobodies, you couldn't tell who is a somebody, and nothing makes a somebody feel more important than being able to place himself or herself next to a nobody to establish "somebodiness". Now the arguments of some of my colleagues, other than those who said that they think somebody that they represent will pay more property taxes, makes me think of Plato. He and I used to sit down, and we'd chat. And one point I never could understand, he would talk about chariness, the essence of "chare". If there is no "chare" in existence, but the concept of chariness exists somewhere, does that have a true existence or must there be a "chare" to receive the concept of chariness? And I told him that that's pointless to me. So he went to a bigger subject. He wrote something, people would call it an essay, some a book, some a treatise, about a republic that never existed. A republic that never existed can behave in the manner that whoever creates it says that it will and ought to behave. But there is no way to translate that silliness into the real world and have a genuinely existing republic that would function in the way Plato envisioned. So some of my colleagues should take time off, get a copy of Plato's Republic, spend some time with Plato, go over old times that you don't want to be forgotten, and live in that republic that never existed, and let the rest of us spend a little time in the quarters of Machiavelli, who was very practical and talked not about the way people wished things were, but the way things actually are, how